

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 24 February 2023

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

We have all been watching a grim human tragedy unfold in Turkey and Syria over the last fortnight and within School we have been discussing how we can play our part in contributing to the relief effort. Following a meeting with our Head Students today I can confirm that the School will be organising a raffle to raise funds for the stricken populations of the earthquake affected area which will begin next week with the collection of prizes followed by the sale of raffle tickets. A letter will go out to all students and parents next week detailing how this will work and I hope everyone will contribute to the effort either by donating a prize or by purchasing tickets. There are moments when the global community must pull together in the face of a crisis, and this is one such moment.

On a happier note, I am delighted to report that the Year 9 Options Evening held this week was a great success and the combination of presentations, talks and support provided on the night will ensure that all our Year 9 Students are in the best possible position to make informed choices for their GCSEs by the deadline of Wednesday 22 March. I would like to thank in particular the large number of students, especially those from Year 11, who gave up their time to support the event and provide an invaluable student perspective on a decision-making process that can be tricky for some. There is still plenty of time for any student who needs further guidance to step forward and have conversations with relevant teachers or support staff in school and I would encourage anyone with nagging doubts to be proactive in this way.

Finally, I have received a number of positive comments and thank yous from parents regarding the Ski Trip to Bormio in Italy over the holiday. The trip was clearly a huge success and aside from a few bumps and bruises that are part and parcel of learning to ski everyone returned safe, sound and enthused. I would like to thank Mr Ray, Mr Sheppard, Mr Bowers, Mr Sutherland, Miss Atkinson, Miss Smith, Miss Patman, Mr Vaughan and Miss Leftley-Gynn for giving up the majority of their holiday to enable the trip to go ahead and I must also congratulate all the students who went on it for their conduct and cooperation with the staff and instructors. Managing 81 young people in a residential setting abroad for a week is far from easy and the requirements of risk assessments and forward planning has led to the abandonment of such ambitious projects in many educational settings. Not so here – we will continue to offer memorable out of school experiences at BGS because we believe they are an important part of growing up and provide a developmental opportunity that cannot be replicated in the classroom. Provided climate change allows snow to fall we will continue to ski!



YEAR 9 GCSE OPTION CHOICES

Before students can select and submit option preferences, access to the options system must be activated.

The unique access code that is required to activate the options system was sent to the school email account of each Year 9 student on Wednesday 22 February. Please note that this is a one-time-use-only code; once used it will not be needed again and cannot be used again.

Once activated, the options system can be accessed by going directly to www.sims-options.co.uk and logging in with the email account and password set up at the time of activation.

Once option preferences have been successfully submitted no further action is required. *Please note that your preferences, and any subsequent changes you make, will only be submitted when you 'Save' your option selections.* The parental consent box does not need to be ticked.

Please remember that the deadline for submitting option preferences is **09:00 Wednesday 22 March**. If you have any queries or concerns, then please contact us at gcseoptions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk.

YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

Please find below, this week's Year 11 revision sessions. Year 11 students can choose the session of most use to themselves and simply turn up at the time and venue stated. No booking is required.

	Monday 27 February	Tuesday 28 February	Wednesday 1 March	Thursday 2 March
Subject	Geography	Design Engineering	English	Music
Room	G3	DE1 & DE2	E1 & E8	MU1
Revision Topic	A city in an AC-Cambridge, UK.	Coursework/NEA catch-up	Literature: An Inspector Calls: how to plan and write a successful essay The Empress: how to plan and write a successful essay	Coursework Catch-up and Set Work Musical Elements
Subject	Drama	Spanish (Set 3)	Computer Science	Art
Room	Drama Studio	MFL8	CS2	A2
Revision Topic	Component 3 Scripted Practical	Writing Exam Skills - 150 word essay	Binary & Hexadecimal	External Exam "Lock"
Subject	Spanish (Set 1 & 2)	French	EPR	Physical Education
Room	MFL1 & MFL2	MFL3	EPR1	PE1
Revision Topic	Writing Exam Skills - 150 word essay	General Conversation Practice	Revelation teaches us very little about what God is like	Paper 2
Subject	Spanish (Set 4 & 5)		Statistics	
Room	MFL9		M8	
Revision Topic	Writing Exam Skills - 90 word essay		Comparative Pie Charts	

BGS SKI TRIP - BORMIO 2023 – Report by Ms Atkinson

On Friday 10 February, two coaches full of excited BGS students left the School site headed for Bormio, Italy for the Ski Trip. The first Ski Trip to run since 2020, students and staff alike were full of anticipation to get onto the slopes.

After a long journey, we finally arrived at around 2am local time on Sunday 12 February, and despite spending around 30 hours on a coach, the students were in good spirits the following morning, eager to get started.

It was excellent to see the students approach their ski and snowboard lessons with enthusiasm and resilience, even the beginners who had never skied on snow before managed to make it to the top of the mountain by the end of the week, and the advanced group were confidently skiing off-piste taking on new challenges and adventures! Many thanks are owed to Mr Ray for organising this superb opportunity for the students. My thanks to the students who contributed to the following report of the trip, I hope you enjoy reading their reflections on their week.



SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY – by *Martha Fraser and Erin Richards, Year 10*

Shortly after breakfast, we were escorted over to the boot shops where we were fitted with ski boots and helmets. The process itself was stress-free, and simple - as foot sizing & head sizes were checked before the trip. So, fitting them on the day was to ensure they were a good fit. It's very important that these are a 'good' fit as they are safety equipment. Skis & boots were kept together in a "boot room" and were taken off after lessons & kept there to make sure we got the same items next time. Helmets, however, were kept in rooms (which held snoods, gloves, goggles & sunscreen/lip balm).

Before getting on the slopes, getting used to the ski boots was quite difficult. The ski boots are heavy and rigid making them initially uncomfortable to use. But, after about 2 hours, you got used to them - as you adjust to the tight fit.

Those that were new to skiing were put into lines, mainly to assess their skills. The groups were somewhat random but were moved around during the whole week - based on their skills and abilities during lesson.

A general knowledge quiz (taken place on the second day) was a fun way to end off a full day of skiing and build relationships amongst group members. Even though most of our answers were not correct, many enjoyed the time to wind down & reflect on the past day.

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY – by *Oliver Hill, Year 9*

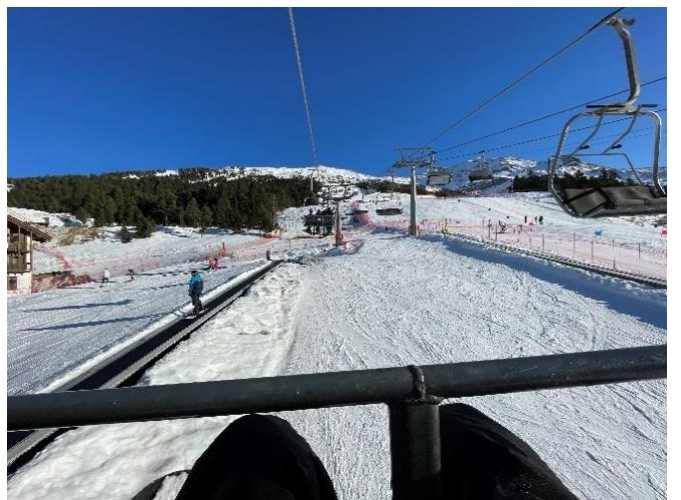
By Monday, everybody started to get into the swing of things and we were all getting into the routine of waking up (sometimes a bit too early) and having breakfast, then a morning ski – or snowboard in my case, then having lunch followed by an afternoon ski and then finishing off the day with the usual – pasta and chips.

The second day saw another beautiful crisp and sunny morning in Bormio. Our snowboarding group had already got straight into a red run – which was very steep - and I fell over more times than I would have liked. However, towards the end of the day, the whole snowboarding squad was feeling very confident with the help of our amazing instructor Greg. Like all the instructors, Greg

was patient, fun and supported everybody's differing abilities on the slopes.

After another amazing day on the snow, we all enjoyed a trip down into the charming town of Bormio. On our arrival, we were given the freedom to explore the variety of shops and embrace the Italian

culture. Everybody agreed that the locals were all friendly and accommodating to the sea of blue hoodies that descended upon them that evening.



Charles Coulam, Year 12

After getting up and showering, Rupert and I headed down for breakfast of croissant with ham and cheese; Delicious!

Following this we got suited and booted and headed out onto the slopes. The morning ski was heading down the slopes and practicing the snow plough going in a straight line. The afternoon ski was a bit more complex as we did the same snow plough however, we had to follow the instructor and control our direction.

After the afternoon ski we had about half an hour to get ready to head down to town. Once we were all ready, we headed to the gondola to head down to town; that was an interesting journey!

Once in town, we found a place to meet and were then allowed to head off on our own. Firstly, we headed to the Co-Op and got some snacks and sweets and then we wandered around town for a little bit. A couple of us then went into a bakery and bought some cookies.

Following this, we headed back to the plaza and chatted until it was time to go back to the hotel. When we got back, it was straight into dinner (pizza) and then we headed down to bed.

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY – by Charlotte Sanderson, Year 13

The morning of the third day skiing, Giuseppe's group skied from the top of the mountain all the way down into Bormio town - finding out that Giuseppe (our Ski Instructor) can get down the mountain in 4 minutes 52 seconds despite being 72.

In the afternoon, the advanced intermediate group were bombarded with phone calls from the advanced group who were in search of Mr Ray and Mr Sheppard who had departed our group with his neon outfit to accompany a student to the hospital.

For the activity after a day on the slopes, the teachers organised bum boarding in which we raced our friends down the slopes, occasionally crashing into nets and chairs. The challenge of the evening was to see who could go the furthest within the time limit, and although it was close, I (Charlotte) took the lead closely followed by Eva and Holly. As a treat after a tough hour of bum boarding, there was a Nutella party with crêpes and hot chocolate.



After dinner, it was announced that there was to be a room tidying competition where the teachers judge the rooms of the students on creativity and overall tidiness. The sixth form girls took this incredibly seriously and had swan towels, 50€ notes, and PowerPoints to persuade (bribe) the teachers. Tension was high in the sixth form corridor where people were body-blocking others to protect their tactics to win over the teachers. In the end, the sixth formers took it so seriously that they had to have their own category. One room in the boys' corridor wrote a touching poem which commemorated all the teachers and their best qualities. Room 404 took the victory for the most creative room for the sixth formers and room 408 also won a prize for cleanliness.



WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY - *Florence Dexter, Year 10*

Most groups made their way up to the top of the mountain by Wednesday and were able to soak up the stunning views of the surrounding mountains covered in snow. We were all so happy to be out on the slopes once more; it was another beautiful, sunny day with no clouds in the sky, and everyone was making the most of everything as we knew this was our penultimate day of skiing.

Our ski instructors worked us hard, and we continued to practise our parallel turns and improve our technique, trying not to fall over too many times. In the evening, everyone travelled down to Bormio town via the gondola (a much-preferred mode of transport to the coach!) so that we could experience some true Italian food - pizza! We were all buzzing with excitement, as we knew this meant we wouldn't be having chips for another meal. After a brisk visit to the local supermarket - to allow us to get breakfast for the Friday morning on the coach - everyone hurried to the little restaurant on the side of a cobbled street, where the coach 2 students ate first, followed by the coach 1 students.

The fresh and tasty pizza was just what everyone needed, and we really enjoyed the quiz organised by the teachers. Once we had all finished, we had a 15-minute journey back to the hotel on the dreaded coaches, and went to the 'ice cream room' for the daily ski briefing where people won numerous awards (medals, and sweets and chocolate).

Afterwards, everyone headed straight to bed; we all knew this would be our last night in the hotel, so we needed to get sufficient sleep to ensure we could cope with the immense coach journey the following day. Sadness filled all of the rooms as everyone drifted off to sleep; nobody wanted to leave the beautiful mountainside.

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY & FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY - *Ben Pennycook, Year 11*

We woke up in our hotel bed for the last time on Thursday morning, excited for the day ahead, with our impending day-long bus journey weighing on our minds. Once the skiers in my room had finally showered and left for breakfast, I got up and did the same, and chose a croissant, two slices of French toast, and two hot chocolates, knowing I'd need the energy for our last day of snowboarding.

Upon leaving the boot room, the group and I made our way to our meeting point at one of the chairlifts, then wasted no time and immediately made our way up to 'heaven' (Bormio 3000). The slopes up there on Thursday were icy but there were less people than the previous days, so they were great fun to board on. After repeating this route, the morning session was over. The group headed straight to lunch, and I had my usual pasta and chips (no pizza that day sadly).

Following a short power nap, the snowboarders headed out for our last session of the trip, and our instructor (Greg) made sure we'd remember it! Firstly, we explored the rest of the slopes close to the resort, finding plenty of runs that we didn't even know about previously. Next, we made our way down to the 'fun slope', (accurately named by whoever created it), which turned out to be a blast. Full of sharp turns, jumps, and steep drops, the slope turned out to be the best we'd ridden all holiday, in my opinion anyway. Ending our snowboarding journey with a high five from Greg (an emotional goodbye), we made our way to the boot room for the last time.

Then it was all a big rush, we had to shower, finished packing, and eat dinner as quickly as possible, which was made difficult by us boarders coming back an hour later than the skiers, but we made it successfully and ate our last meal of pasta and chips. Within a flash we were on the coach, which was pretty much silent.

For me the next 12 hours were a blur, I filled my time with glorious sleep, and the occasional toilet stop. Once at Calais, though, we had to stay awake for the passport checks, but luckily, we only had to wait an hour this time instead of the five hours it took to get through Dover on the way. On the ferry, fish and chips was the meal of the day, but really it should have been called batter and chips seeing as I've seen more fish in a packet of prawn cocktail crisps! Once off the ferry, it was another long bountiful sleep till the next stop.

And then we pulled into the BGS car park after a long journey. Seeing the driver struggling with the cases, I lent him a hand getting them all out, probably because I had plenty of energy from the 16-hour sleep. Soon plenty of people were helping to drag cases from under the bus. Teamwork makes the dream work.

THE TRIAL - SIXTH FORM PLAY 2023, 8 AND 9 FEBRUARY – *Report by Mr Moxley, Drama*

Just before the half-term break, we staged Franz Kafka's 'The Trial', adapted by Steven Berkoff, as this year's Sixth Form Play. The production, in the Drama Studio, was sold out for both nights and was, according to those who saw it, a triumph!

The play explores the never-ending ordeal of Joseph K, a man arrested, interrogated and put on trial whilst never being told what he has done wrong. We staged the production in a stark black and white setting, with the only colour being added through lighting. The ensemble cast of sixteen students were a pleasure to work with in rehearsals and I was proud to see them perform difficult material to such a high standard.

The cast: Ruby Lewis-Gorman, Elijah Ford, Adam Kirk, Maddy Waldock, Marie Cranch, Clara Town, Hannah Taylor, Samantha Thomas, Lauren Spellar, Jenny Baker, Dounya Daif, Catie Dawson, Sophia Cooke, Kaitlyn Baron, Amelie Murphy and Grace Lester.

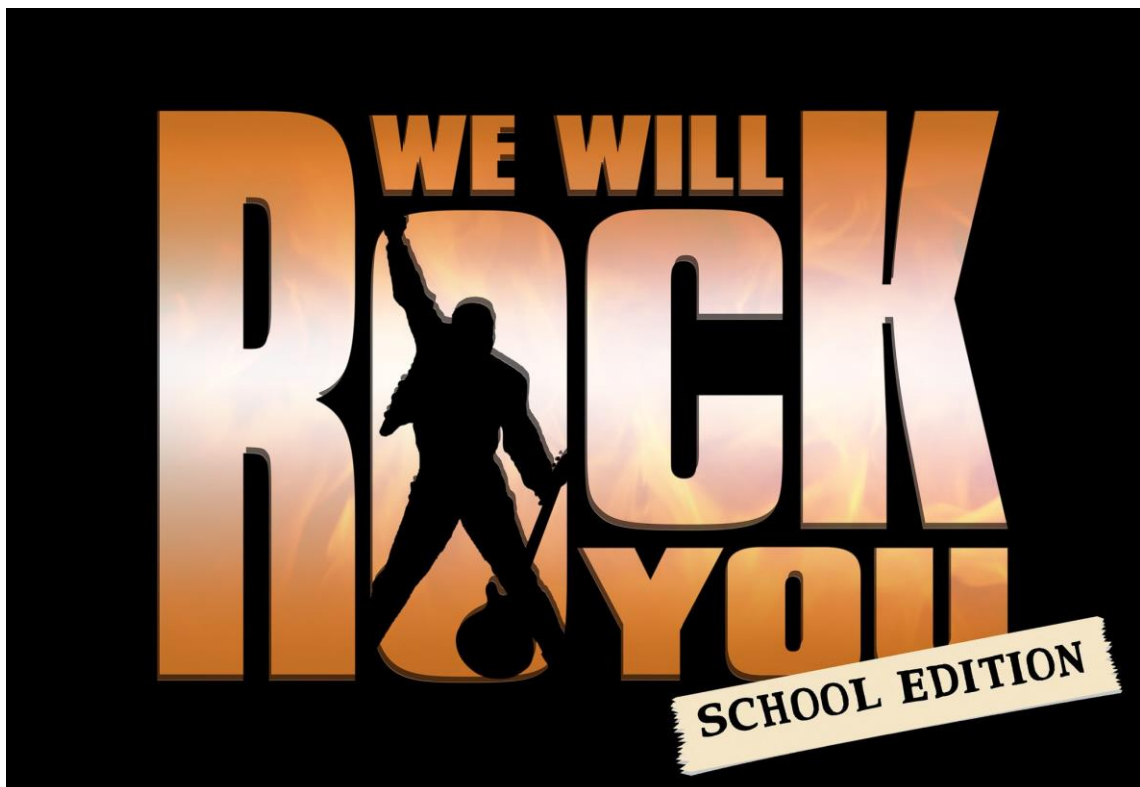
Performance photos are below.







SCHOOL PRODUCTION – WE WILL ROCK YOU – *Report by Mrs Pignatiello, Drama*



We are very excited about this year's whole-school musical! Based on the music of Queen, **We Will Rock You** is set 300 years in the future in a futuristic and globally-corporate world. Planet Earth has been renamed the Planet Mall and is controlled by the Globalsoft Corporation. The head of Globalsoft is the sinister Killer Queen, who has banned all non-computer-generated music. She has heard of a prophecy that instruments have been hidden somewhere on the planet and that 'The Dreamer' will emerge from the people to show the way to them. She orders her Chief of Police, Khashoggi, to get to the bottom of the matter and crush any rebellion. Meanwhile, Galileo, a young student and an outsider, is desperate to "break free" from this corporate world. He hears lyrics in his dreams and is heralded as the star of the prophecy by the Bohemians who have been searching for the lost instruments. To fulfil the prophecy, Galileo must evade the clutches of the Killer Queen and finally bring back the music.

Rehearsals are now well underway for We Will Rock You! With over 100 students from Years 7 to 13 involved - making up our cast, our fantastic student band and students supporting us with backstage and technical - it promises to be a brilliant return to Bourne Grammar School staging memorable musicals.

Below, are photos of students in rehearsal.





Tickets are available on our website or via the link or QR code below;

[Click to book tickets](#) or scan the QR code



Our performances will take place on;

Wednesday 22nd March 7pm
Thursday 23rd March 7pm
Friday 24th March 7pm
Saturday 25th March 2pm
Saturday 25th March 7pm



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Lawson Capes, Year 9 - Further congratulations go to Lawson who continues to have a highly successful indoor season in the Shot Put. He claimed the National Indoor title at Sheffield with a throw of 15.81m. Whilst a little under his best, he has had a great indoor season with a national title and setting the 3rd best all time throw for his age group of 17.03m. It is hoped this form will continue throughout the year as the outdoor season beckons.

Results at the National Final saw his throw just less than 2 metres ahead of the silver medallist.

Evie Lound, Year 11 - Last weekend Evie attended a Young RYLA (Rotary Young Leadership Awards) weekend which was sponsored by Bourne Rotary Club, she was selected to go through Bourne District Rangers which she attends every Thursday.

Evie has been a part of the guiding community since she joined Rainbows at just 5 years old, working her way up through Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and now Rangers.

The weekend took place at Whitehall Outdoor Centre in Derbyshire where, along with 23 other teenagers aged between 13-16, they did team building exercise, caving, abseiling and much more.

As part of the sponsorship Evie has been invited to have lunch with the Bourne Rotary Club to give a speech about her experiences during the weekend and how she felt it benefited her. Well done Evie!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Patrick Adejuwon	7	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Nevaeh Agyemang	7	Mr Farrow	Computer Science
Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Jessica Daniels	7	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Ben Fletcher	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Seb Kay	7	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Ellie Moore	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Mayowa Olufeyisan	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Noah Patten	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Doogie Shorrock	7	Miss Turton	Drama
Josephine Thurston	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Darcie Trawford	7	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Carys Collingridge	7	Mrs Allen	English
Ben Alliston	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Lani Clark	8	Mr Hewitt	German
George Dennis	8	Mrs Woolf	Science
Jessica Hammond	8	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Ellen Richardson	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Alex Zinkevics	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Lawson Capes	9	Mrs Allen	English
Oliver Hill	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering

Jack Holmes	9	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Shiksha Kaur	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Hannah Lessiter	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Oscar Ashley	10	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Tegan Haw	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Faith Perkins	10	Mr Moxley	Drama
Ellie Sewell	10	Mr Moxley	Drama
Matt Stafford	10	Mrs Allen	English
Alex Stevenson	10	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Arqam Ali	11	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Finleigh Bastin-Northcott	11	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Emilia Beacham	11	Mr Khumalo	Registration
Millie Daines	11	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Oliver Harrison	11	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Elijah Ford	12	Ms Kemp	English Literature
Poppy Johnson	12	Mrs Pignatiello	Registration
Evie Musgrove	12	Mrs Pignatiello	Registration
Harry Rippon	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Genevieve Taaffe	12	Mrs Bolitho	English
Archie Ward	12	Ms Bowtell	Sports Studies
Issy Welsh	12	Mrs Bolitho	English
Charlie Knight	12	Mrs Allen	English
Urbhan Steele	13	Mr Jones	Business Studies

